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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Group Art Unit No.: 2878
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PAUL E. WEST, et al.)	Examiner: Kevin S. Wyatt
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Application No. 10/700,794)	PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER
)	<u>RULE 136(a) (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))</u>
Filed: November 4, 2003)	
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For: OSCILLATING SCANNING)	Palo Alto, CA 94301
PROBE MICROSCOPE)	January 16, 2007
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under Rule 136(a) (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to reply to the final United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed on July 14, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, the period for response is extended through January 16, 2007, because January 14, 2007 is a Sunday and January 15, 2007 is

the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday holiday.

A claim of small entity status has been filed in the application, and the Applicants continue to qualify as a small entity. Accordingly, please accept the attached check in the amount of \$510.00 in payment of the extension-of-time-fee. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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